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SUBJECT: RETURN COURTESY CALL BY MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR, NOVEMBER 15,  
1973

1. ON NOVEMBER 15, THE MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE,  
DR. JOUSEFF BEN ABBES, PAID A RETURN COURTESY CALL  
ON AMBASSADOR IRWIN. THE MIDDLE EAST WAS DISCUSSED  
AND THE FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT:

2. THE MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER WATERGATE  
HAD SO WEAKENED PRESIDENT NIXON'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE  
EVENT THAT IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE "JEWISH LOBBY"  
IN THE US FELT THAT MR. NIXON WERE ABOUT TO YIELD  
JERUSALEM TO THE PALESTINIANS, WOULD IT THEN "BRING  
ABOUT HIS FALL"? AMBASSADOR IRWIN SAID NO,  
COMMENTING THAT JERUSALEM WAS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE  
ELEMENTS AT THE HEART OF THE MIDEAST QUESTION AND THAT  
ALL AMERICANS WERE UNITED IN THEIR DESIRE FOR  
AN EQUITABLE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

3. AMBASSADOR IRWIN ALSO POINTED OUT TO THE MOROCCAN  
AMBASSADOR THAT THE OIL EMBARGO WOULD HAVE A DELETERIOUS  
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EFFECT ON AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION,

WHICH MUST REMAIN FAVORABLE TO DR. KISSINGER  
MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE IN ORDER FOR HIM TO  
CONTINUE HIS WORK TOWARD A SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION.  
IF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC BECAME RESENTFUL OF THE ARABS  
OVER THE EMBARGO, DR.KISSINGERS EFFORTS MIGHT BE  
STYMIED. THE MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR AGREED WITH THIS  
OBSERVATION AND ADDED THAT THE DAY AFTER THE ISSUANCE  
OF THE EC-9 DECLARATION, KING HASSAN HAD SENT HIS  
FOREIGN MINISTER TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA TO POINT  
OUT THAT WHILE THE EMBARGO WAS AIMED AT THE UNITED STATES  
IT WAS PRIMARILY HURTING THE EUROPEANS AND THAT, IN  
EFFECT, IT HAD ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN ITS PURPOSE OF  
AWAKENING WORLD OPINION TO THE GRAVITY OF THE MIDDLE  
EAS SITUATION; THIS HAVING BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, THE  
EMBARGO HAD SERVED THE ONLY BENEFICIAL PURPOSE IT  
CONCEIVABLE COULD. AMBASSADOR IRWIN ADDED THAT THE  
EMBARGO WAS ALSO HURTING THE THIRD WORLD, AN OBSERVATION  
WITH WHICH THE MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR AGREED.  
IRWIN

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